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WOMEN BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether ILO`s pilot project to solve the problems of women beedi workers is lying pending for implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have since launched this pilot project;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, by when the pilot project is likely to be launched; and

(f) the benefits likely to be given to women beedi workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (f): No such pilot project is lying pending for approval with the Government. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) are running a pilot project `Improving Working Conditions and Employment Opportunity for Women in the Beedi Industry in India` in Vellore (Tamil Nadu), Mangalore (Karnataka) and Sagar (Madhya Pradesh) through Non-Government Organisations (NGOs). The projec aims at improvement of working and living conditions of women beedi workers and creating employment and more opportunity in areas where employment in beedi work is decreasing.